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(*b*) if so, whether it will be in the private or public sector, and

(*c*) the total capacity of production?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) *to* (*c*) A private industrialist has been granted a licence by the Government of India under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, to set up a factory in Salem district for the manufacture of alloy, toll and special steels with a produuction capacity of 50,000 tons per annum.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, may I know whether the construction has been taken up?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The site has been selected and arrangements are being made for the purchase of the land for the proposed alloy steel plant.

Sugar factories

* 1877 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of sugar factories working in the State as on 1st June 1961;

(*b*) the total capacity of these factories; and

(*c*) the actual total production for the year 1960–61?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The total number of sugar factories working in the State as on 1st June 1961 was 8.

(*b*) The 8 factories have a total cane crushing capacity of 8,250 tons per day.

(*c*) The total production of sugar for the year 1960–61 is expected to be about 127,500 metric tons.

* 1878 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of sugar mills in the State;

(*b*) the total number of workers in sugar mills;

(*c*) the scale of pay fixed by the Sugar Wage Board; and

(*d*) whether the mill-owners give the scale of pay recommended by the Sugar Board?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Eight.

(*b*) 5,417.

(*c*) The Wage Board has fixed scales of wages to different categories of workmen ranging from Rs. 60—1—65 to Rs. 300—25—425—EB—25—600.

(*d*) The Government convened a conference of the representatives of workmen and employers of sugar factories in the State on 22nd June 1961 and discussed the question. The parties have agreed to implement the decisions of the conference.